

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 227

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Elizabeth Belk, 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Elizabeth Belk, who was recently recognized as one of the members of the 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, presented by the Tennessee chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Tennessee chapter selects thirty individuals for its class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30, which recognizes business professionals throughout Middle Tennessee for their leadership qualities, volunteerism, and business endeavors; and

WHEREAS, an educator with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, Elizabeth Belk is a first-grade teacher at Harpeth Valley Elementary, and previously taught at Croft Middle School, Dan Mills Elementary, Eakin Elementary, Taylor Stratton Elementary, and LEAD Academy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Belk earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and completed her Master of Education degree with elementary certification (K–6) at Peabody College at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated teacher who believes that students thrive in the classroom when they feel safe and their curiosities are fostered, Elizabeth Belk teaches her students the practice of giving by coordinating a toy drive at her school for the Salvation Army Forgotten Angels; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the "Tournament of Roses" committee benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Ms. Belk still finds time to lend her talents as a volunteer with a number of other notable causes; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the individuals of the 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Elizabeth Belk on being named a member of the 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30 by the Tennessee chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.